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Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Are the Government aware that the previous Minister for Education said that if during out-of-school hours Sanskrit was taught, the money spent on the salary of that teacher would be taken into account for the purpose of grant? If the Government issue such a circular, more students would take to the study of Sanskrit. Will the Government consider this?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : About the question of the study of Sankrit, I have had a discussion with the Secondary Board of Education, the Director of Public Instruction and Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar. Certain aspects have been examined and we will have to take further action after all aspects have been examined.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Do the Government think that it is not within their powers to revert to the old policy where Sanskrit occupied a place as the II Part of the First Language?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This House has accepted the three-language formula according to which under this Part, Hindi or a language like Sanskrit or any other regional language—only one of these languages—could be taken. Unless we revise the three-language formula, I do not know how it will fit in—more hours or greater facilities for the study of Sanskrit—without coming into conflict with the provisions of the three-language formula.

District Board High Schools

* 123 *Q*.—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN :
Sri M. RAJAH IYER :
Vidwan T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to take over the District Board High Schols in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The District Boards having ceased to exist, the question of management of these former Board High Schools is under the examination of Government.

வித்துவான் டி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன்: ஐயா, இந்தக் கழக உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளிகளைப் பொறுத்தவரையில் இப்போதைய நிலையே நீடிக்கப்படுமா? அல்லது கல்வித் துறை அதிகாரிகள் கண்காணிக்கும் பொறுப்பில் விடப்படுமா?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம்: ஒவ்வொரு ஜில்லாவுக்கும் டிஸ்ட்ரிக்ட் எஜுகேஷன் ஆபீசர்கள் ஒவ்வொருவரை நியமித்து இதைக் கண்காணிக்கும் பொறுப்பை விடுவது என்பது அரசாங்கத்தின் யோசனை. சீக்கிரத்தில் அதற்கான உத்திரவு பிறப்பிக்கப்படும்.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As the Government are bearing the full deficit of the local boards, what is the difficulty in converting these high schools into Government high schools?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : In course of time, they will be converted into Government schools.

Polytechnic for women

* 124 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to start a polytechnic for women with the aid of UNESCO; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) There is a proposal to start a polytechnic for women but not with the aid of UNESCO.

(*b*) The proposed polytechnic will have the following courses :—

Nature of the course.	*Strength.*
(1) Electronics (Radio Engineering)	20
(2) Secretarial Course	30
(3) Costume designing and Dress-making	20
(4) Civil Engineering Draughtsmanship	30

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us where the polytechnic will be located?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : We are in search of a place and we have not been able to find one. We are just now examining whether we can get suitable accommodation in the centre of the City. As soon as a decision is taken about the location, we will start it.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Government locate it in the mufassal, say in South Arcot or in any other district?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : We propose to have three such polytechnics under the Third Five-Year Plan. One of them will be in Madras and the other two will be in the mufassal centres. Which exactly are the centres has not been decided.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : How is it, Sir, the Government thought Civil Engineering to be a fit subject for women?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is the draughtsman's course, and they are best fitted for it.

Paper factory

* 125 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any